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SUMMARY: WHILE TODAY'S PRESS REFLECTS A MEASURE OF
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE RESULTS OF THE ISMAILIA TALKS,
EDITORIALS AND COMMENTATORS STRESS THE SUMMIT'S POSITIVE
ASPECTS. MOST PAPERS POINT TO THE SETTING UP OF TWO
COMMITTEES AS A SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT AND UPBRAIDED
TALK OF FAILURE. YEDIOT'S EDITORIAL, HOWEVER, CONTINUES
THE PAPER'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO BEGIN'S CONCESSIONS.
MEANWHILE, MKS ARE ASKING FOR A "FREE" VOTE IN TOMORROW'S
KNESSET DEBATE. BEGIN HAS PROMISED IT TO THE LIKUD. END SUMMARY

1. A CERTAIN AIR OF MORNING-AFTER LET-DOWN IS EVIDENT
ON THE FRONT PAGES, WITH SEVERAL ARTICLES DWELLING ON THE WIDE
GAP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ON THE WEST BANK PROBLEM. DAVAR
REPORTS THAT SADAT WAS PREVENTED FROM AGREEING TO
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A JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES BY HIS ADVISERS. HAARETZ
SAYS MUCH OF THE CONTROVERSY CENTERED ON ISRAEL'S
DEMAND THAT REFERENCE TO THE PALESTINE QUESTION EMBRACE
ONLY PEOPLE, WHILE THE EGYPTIANS WANTED AN ALLUSION TO
TERRITORY AS WELL. ANOTHER DAVAR ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE
DISAGREEMENT OVER ISRAEL'S PREFERENCE FOR "SELF-RULE"
FOR THE PALESTINIANS VS EGYPT'S DEMAND FOR THEIR RIGHT

OF "SELF-DETERMINATION."

2. MUCH IS MADE OF DAYAN'S ALLEGED MORE RESTRAINED AND CAUTIOUS TONE THAN THAT OF THE PM. DAYAN IS DESCRIBED AS "WORRIED" AND TROUBLED BY THE "SERIOUS OBSTACLES" THAT REMAIN BEFORE A SETTLEMENT IS IN SIGHT. THE PAPERS ALSO ARE CURIOUS WHY BEGIN'S DEMEANOR DURING HIS ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE WAS MORE SOBER THAN THE OPTIMISM HE EXUDED AT THE JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE IN ISMAILIA.

3. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE INACCURATE TO CHARACTERIZE THE MEDIA AS DISAPPOINTED. THE JERUSALEM POST STAMPS THE SUMMIT "SUCCESSFUL" AND MOST EDITORIALS STRESS ITS POSITIVE ASPECTS. THEY POINT TO CONTINUED MOMENTUM AND THE SETTING UP OF THE TWO COMMITTEES AS SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS. TALK OF FAILURE, THE POST CALLS "NONSENSE." MAARIV IS CAUTIOUS IN ASSESSING THE RESULTS, WHILE HAARETZ FEELS THAT THE TALKS CONTRIBUTED TO BUILDING THE RIGHT PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE. ONLY YEDIOT, IN KEEPING WITH ITS OPPOSITION TO BEGIN'S CONCESSIONS, FOUND NOTHING GOOD TO SAY OF THE TALKS. YEDIOT MAINTAINED THAT SADAT DID NOT BUDGE ON ANY ISSUE BUT INSTEAD IS DEMANDING MORE ISRAELI CONCESSIONS.

4. MEANWHILE, THERE ARE NUMEROUS REPORTS OF MKS ASKING THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTY LEADERS FOR PERMISSION
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TO VOTE FREE OF PARTY DISCIPLINE FOLLOWING TOMORROW'S SCHEDULED KNESSET DEBATE ON BEGIN'S PROPOSALS. THE CABINET HAS JUST CONCLUDED A FOUR HOUR SESSION DURING WHICH BEGIN AND WEIZMAN REPORTED ON THE ISMAILIA TALKS. IT WAS NOTED THAT DAYAN WAS ABSENT FROM THE SESSION - ACCORDING TO ISRAEL RADIO, FOR "TECHNICAL" REASONS.
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